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SUBJECT: DONATION TO CYPRUS FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

1. POST/COMMISSION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MRS. MARGOT E. TROFIMOFF, 15 KILLORAN DRIVE, ESSEX JUNCTION, VERMONT. MRS. TROFIMOFF HAS WRITTEN TO PAO RJ WOZNAK AND A/PAO DD GRIMLAND EXPRESSING DESIRE TO DONATE CERTAIN INHERITED MONIES AND PROPERTY TOTALING APPROX 13,000 CYPRIOT POUNDS (\$39,000) IN CYPRUS TO COMMISSION. INHERITANCE WAS BEQUEATHED TO HER BY HER FRIEND SALAH HADJIKIAMEL, A NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN OF TURKISH CYPRIOT ORIGIN, WHO DIED IN U.S. LAST YEAR. PHOTO COPY OF WILL WAS SENT ALTHOUGH IT SHOWS NO EVIDENCE OF PROBATE.
2. OUR INVESTIGATION REVEALS THAT DECEASED HAS RELATIVES HERE WHO IN ABSENCE OF LOCAL WILL WERE ASSIGNED ADMINISTRATION RIGHTS FOR PROPERTY BY CYPRIOT COURT. HAVING NOW LEARNED THAT AMERICAN WILL EXISTS, RELATIVES MAY TRY TO DISPOSE OF PROPERTIES BEFORE DISPUTING WILL OFFICIALLY SURFACES AND ADMINISTRATION RIGHTS REVOKED BY COURT.
3. POST TRIED TO PHONE MRS. TROFIMOFF SEPT 27 BUT OVERSEAS OPERATORS UNABLE LOCATE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR HER. WE NEED HER SPECIFIC VERBAL AUTHORIZATION FOR CYPRIOT LAWYER (LELLOS DEMETRIADES, ALSO COMMISSION MEMBER) TO PROCEED IN HER REPEAT HER BEHALF AND REQUEST COURT TO FREEZE ASSETS. ACTION CANNOT BE REQUESTED BY FULBRIGHT COMMISSION SINCE COMMISSION HAS NO UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHT INTERFERE UNTIL COURT DETERMINES EXACTLY WHO IS PROPER HEIR.

ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHETHER ORIGINAL WILL WAS PROBATED AND WHERE IT IS, IF SHE IS EXECUTRIX, AND NAME/ADDRESS OF LAWYER OR COURT WHO HANDLED IT.

4. REQUEST DEPT CABLE SOONEST ANSWERS TO ABOVE QUESTIONS AND ASK MRS. TROFIMOFF TO FOLLOW UP VERBAL AUTHORIZATION WITH LETTER ASAP. ONCE COURT ACTION TAKEN, WE CAN RESUME SLOWER WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE.
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